

Summer 2010



the chatterbox



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Mission Statement

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department shall exist to serve the leisure and recreational needs of the residents and tourists of the county. We will strive to be the leader in providing well-maintained, high-quality passive parks and facilities, excellent programs and services, and the preservation of greenspace to enhance the quality of life in the county.

Park Board Meetings

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation park board meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Cool Creek Nature Center Auditorium, located at 2000-1 East 151st Street in Carmel. The meetings are open to the public.

Park Hours

All parks operated by Hamilton County Parks and Recreation are open 365 days a year from dawn to dusk. Some sections of the park may be closed due to special events or shelter reservations. Please refer to *The Chatterbox* or call the administration office.

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Summer-Time to Discover!

by Dan Popiela, Naturalist, Cool Creek Nature Center

Summer's heat brings people to the parks to play, relax and enjoy nature. This is a time to discover and see some interesting ecological interactions.

Wasps, for example, are often viewed as harmful, especially when considering their stingers. But, a look into their lives reveals something interesting. Some insects in the wasp family don't even have the ability to sting! Ichneumonids have what appears to be a long whip-like tail for a stinger. This is used to drill into trees and lay eggs where other insects have burrowed. When the larvae hatch, they search these tunnels for prey, which includes other wasps.



Another interesting wasp is the Mud Dauber. These shiny dark wasps are known for building nests of mud in sheds and garages. It is fascinating to find these insects as they collect mud from a patch of moist soil. They bring the mud to their nest site and unroll it to make stacks of muddy rings. The nest is a safe haven for their larvae to develop. Each cigar-shaped nest has several cells on the inside. Each cell is about one inch in length, enough to hold one egg and its prey. When the larva hatches it eats an insect or spider that was stung, paralyzed, and left behind by the parent. This wasp

uses its stinger to catch its food, not to protect itself. It may also be comforting to know that Mud Daubers even sting Black Widow spiders and help control their population. Mud Daubers rarely sting people.

It is interesting to hear about these interactions, and even more exciting to observe and make these discoveries. Whether one finds a wasp, wildflower, or other wildlife, you quickly realize that there is so much to see. Go out, discover and enjoy the parks.

Welcome to the Summer 2010 edition of the *Chatterbox*. Thank you for taking the time to look at what your county park department has planned for you in the coming months. We are very excited about the activities and programs we have planned. Be sure to get outside early and often this summer.



See you in the parks,

Al Patterson



Stroller Strides at Cool Creek and Coxhall Gardens!

Stroller Strides is a total fitness program for moms that they can do with their babies. It includes power walking/running and intervals of body strengthening, toning, and boot camp style workouts using the stroller, exercise tubing, and the environment. Taught by nationally certified instructors, it's a great workout for any level of exerciser. In 60 minutes, you will get a total body workout improving your cardiovascular endurance, your strength and your flexibility. Classes are equally beneficial for babies as instructors will weave songs throughout the workout and incorporate activities to make it fun.

Classes are M,W,F 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Coxhall Gardens and Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Cool Creek Park. First 3 classes are FREE!

In addition to the classes, Stroller Strides offers playgroups and moms night out, giving women an opportunity to socialize and further relationships. Please contact Tiffany Sabens at tiffanysabens@strollerstrides.net or 317.919.7258 for further information or go to www.strollerstrides.com to sign up for your free classes!



SUMMER EXHIBIT: Summer Sense-ations

Summer is here and the Cool Creek Nature Center is celebrating many of nature's most SENSE-ATIONAL things! Hummingbirds, butterflies, lightning bugs, flowers, frogs, and other delightful creatures will be featured! Come inside, cool off, and enjoy exploring and learning about the amazing things that fill the summer sky, scent the summer air, and add musical fancy to this magical season! Scavenger hunts, a free daily craft, and reward based-learning opportunities are all inside for you to enjoy. Take some time to enjoy the Wildlife Viewing Area and Greenhouse while you are here. Dates: June 21-August 29 (Nature Center closed on July 4 and 5)

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Ages: All

park programs



Pajama-Rama

Put on your cutest pair of pajamas, grab your favorite teddy bear, pack up an old blanket, and join us at the Cool Creek Nature Center for Pajama-Rama! Families looking for a fun program to enjoy with their toddlers and preschoolers will love the music educator from Moriah Music who will lead us in songs and stories about some of our favorite animals.

Dates: June 4 and August 6

Please note: there is no program in July.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Ages: Best for families with children ages 1-7

Cost: Free

Location: Cool Creek Nature Center

Pre-registration: Yes, call 317-774-2500 or e-mail at cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncountyparks.com

Bird Banding Demonstration

Join Dr. Ron Weiss, Executive Director of the Chipper Woods Bird Observatory, for a fascinating journey into the world of wild birds. Learn techniques that field scientists use to safely capture, handle, and release wild birds, as well as how to examine them to determine their age, sex, health, molt, and feather condition. All birds are safely captured, banded, and released unharmed. If attending this program, please check in with a staff member of the Cool Creek Nature Center.

Dates: Saturday, June 12

Saturday, July 10

Saturday, August 14

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Natives in Your Garden Program

The Hamilton County Master Gardeners Association is hosting this program about native plants. During the program the HCMGA will be promoting the appreciation, conservation, beauty, diversity, and environmental importance of indigenous plants and what it means to our wildlife.

Date: Saturday, June 5

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Location: Cool Creek Nature Center

Puppets Are Popping Up

Come laugh and learn with Miss Diane Breier and her puppet pals this spring. Audience members will enjoy the fun nature-themed stories she has in store!

Date: Tuesday, August 24

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Cost: Free

Ages: Best for ages 2-6

Location: Cool Creek Nature Center



Cool Creek Campfires

Join us around the Cool Creek campfire ring for songs, presentations, and marshmallows. Cindy Baney, vocalist and music educator with Moriah Music, will start the evening off with some music. Special speakers will then entertain guests each week with topics about snakes, birds, turtles, and more. Hang out with your family and friends during these special Wednesday evenings under the stars. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.



Time: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Ages: All

Location: CCP (North-side of the park)

Amazing World of Animals / June 9

Animals from all over the world will be at our campfire ring on this night. Larry Battson, wildlife educator and handler, will talk to us about animals, conservation, and much more.

WILD Backyards / June 16

Kathy Hershey, biologist and President of Utopia Wildlife, will be bringing a few animals that share our backyards.

Indiana Jim: Reptile Experience / June 23

Indiana Jim's wide assortment of reptiles and amphibians are sure to surprise, teach, fascinate, and intrigue you!

Tarantula Teacher / June 30

Learn what teacher Dr. Barbara Reger has to tell us about our creepy-crawly, eight-legged friends.

Owls and Hawks, Oh My! / July 7

Mark Booth, with Take Flight Wildlife Education, will be introducing us to several bird of prey species. We will learn the impacts people can have on these amazing creatures and how we can help!

Snakes Alive! / July 14

Snakehead-Ed will be bringing lots of snakes to show the audience. This "hands-on" experience will be one you won't want to miss!

What's Buggin' You? / July 21

Silly Safaries will be taking us on a buggy adventure! As we shoo the swarming bugs from around us, they will be helping us discover some cool facts about them.

Really Dangerous Animals / July 28

Silly Safaries will be talking about some "dangerous" animals. What kind of animals do you think you'll see? Be sure to make it to this exhilarating show!

Cool Creek CAMPS

Summertime is always a busy time for the Cool Creek Nature Center and day camps are a big part of our summer. Registration for these programs and camps took place March 13; however, there may be a possibility that one or two spots are still available in a particular camp. If you are interested in getting more information about our day camps or potential openings in these programs, please call the Cool Creek Nature Center at 317-774-2500.

Registration Deadline:
Friday, June 4, 2010

Summer Nature Programs

Hey kids! Here's your chance to explore the great outdoors at Cool Creek Park. There will be nature-related exploration, crafts, and puppet shows during these one-hour programs. Pre-registration is required and is available by phone at the Cool Creek Nature Center or via e-mail. Required registration information includes name of child, age of child, program title, and program time. Additional information will be distributed upon registration confirmation. Children can only attend each topic once. A limited number of spaces are available, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, so register today!

Times: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ages: 3-10

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2500 or e-mail us at: cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Location: CCNC

Tuesday, July 6, Rambunctious Raccoons - From food to footprints or finding a den, come and learn all about this common backyard animal!

Wednesday, July 7, Creek Stomp - A wonderfully wet program for all! Let our staff lead you through the beautiful waters of Cool Creek. Feel free to bring your own net and bucket, or borrow one of ours!

Thursday July 8, Wings 'n' Things - Join our staff as we investigate the wonders of birds! We will learn about wings and other things that make them so amazing!

Friday, July 9, Sprout 'n' Out - Summertime is here, and our plants and seeds are growing fast! Join us for some DIRT-y plant activities!

Boy Scout Merit Badge Programs at Strawtown Koteewi Park

Attention Boy Scouts! Are you looking for a way to complete some of the hard-to-find badges? We are offering several science, history, and nature badge workshops this summer! Some of the badges will be completed at the workshop; others will require further effort at home. Complete information on the requirements that will be met at each workshop and overnight accommodations available in the area can be found on our website. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and spaces are limited, so sign up now!

To pre-register or for more information: contact Leslie Nocton at 317-984-5556 or email leslie.nocton@hamiltoncounty.in.gov



Environmental Science Merit Badge

Date: Saturday, June 5
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00

Bird Study Merit Badge

Date: Friday, June 11
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00

Mammal Study Merit Badge

Date: Saturday, June 12
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00

Nature Merit Badge

Date: Friday, June 18
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00

Reptile & Amphibian Merit Badge

Date: Saturday, June 19
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (day portion of the program)
Time: 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (night portion of the program)
Cost: \$5.00

Orienteering Merit Badge (2-day badge)

Date: Friday, June 25
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: Saturday, June 26
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00

Geology Merit Badge

Date: Thursday, July 15
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00

Archaeology Merit Badge (2 day badge)

Dates: Friday, July 23
Saturday, July 24
Times: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Rain-date: July 30 and 31
Cost: \$5.00

Indian Lore

Date: Friday, July 23
Times: TBA
Rain-date: July 30
Cost: \$5.00

Plant Science Merit Badge

Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Cost: \$5.00

Astronomy Merit Badge (2 day badge)

Dates: Tuesday, July 6
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, July 9
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Cost: \$5.00

Be a Parks Partner!

Volunteering for the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department can be a fun and rewarding experience!

Volunteer opportunities include general park up-keep, assisting with special events, help with gardening, caring for the Nature Center's wildlife friends, greenhouse work, gardening, landscaping, cleaning, socializing, and education.

You can also check out the programs and events in this issue! Look for the  ! All programs with this symbol are looking for volunteers!

To volunteer, please contact Kurtis Baumgartner at 317-770-4404 or visit our website at www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com



Taylor Center Natural History Summer Programs

Join our enthusiastic interpretive staff as we host our summer programming series at the Taylor Center of Natural History! Pre-registration is required. Many of these programs will satisfy several of the requirements for Girl and Boy Scouts, but are open to everyone.

A limited number of spaces are available and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-984-5556 or via e-mail at taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Ages: All

Location: Strawtown Koteewi Park

"Doo-doo" Detectives

Join us as we walk the trails in search of scat (animal poo), footprints, and other animal signs. All of these signs are clues, helping us discover the natural world. We'll identify different animals by their "calling cards" and make a cast of a track to take home.



Date: Wednesday, June 9

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Creepy Critters

Are you interested in reptiles and amphibians? Join us as we talk about many of the native reptiles and amphibians in our area and introduce you to a few LIVE examples of these fascinating creatures!

Date: Wednesday, June 16

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Frog Chorus Hike

Join us on a short hike to discover the fun and unique sounds of our native frogs and toads. We'll identify common Indiana species and include some fun "froggy" facts about these summer favorites! Dress for an evening outdoors.

Dates: Saturday, June 19

Time: 8:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Open Lab

The lab doors are open and our staff will be on hand to help you explore rocks, minerals, fossils, animal bones, Native American artifacts and more! This hands-on opportunity is rare and unique; don't miss your chance.

Date: Saturday, June 24

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Orienteering 102

You know how to use a compass and wayfinding devices and understand the basics of orienteering, but now you'd like to put your knowledge to work with the help of a guide! Our park's 750 acres is a great way to facilitate this goal!!

Date: Saturday, June 26

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Earthquakes in Indiana?

We don't often think about earthquakes in Indiana, but they do happen. The last one was in 2008! Join Walter Gray of the Indiana Geologic Survey as he explores the causes, history and facts about one of nature's most primal forces. He'll also tell us what to do before, during, and after a quake. This program will help fill some of the requirements for scouting badges/patches in geology.

Date: Thursday, July 15

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Tike Hike-Bird Hike

Join a Naturalist and member of the Amos W. Butler Audubon Society as we ignite children's interest in bird watching. A short indoor program, outdoor bird hike, and craft will be included.

Date: Friday, July 16

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



The park staff will occasionally take pictures of participants at our parks, programs, and special events. Photos may be used in future publications or online for marketing purposes. If you do not want your picture taken, please inform the photographer.



Star and Satellite Gazing Tours

Join Dr. Ronald Weiss, adjunct professor of Astronomy and Earth Science for Vincennes University, for a fascinating evening of star and satellite watching. Amateur astronomer Dan Malone of Wabash Valley Astronomical Society, will be assisting Dr. Weiss as the group learns about and attempts to view the stars, planets, constellations, satellites, and deep sky objects that are visible each month. In the event that the sky is cloudy, an indoor astronomy program is planned. You are welcome to bring your own telescope or binoculars, but we ask that pets be left at home. This program will meet near the Taylor Center of Natural History.

Dates: Saturday, June 12 at 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 10 at 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 14, at 9:00 p.m.

Ages: Best for families with school aged children and adults

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: No

Location: Strawtown Koteewi Park

outdoor programs



Girl Scout Archaeology

Calling all Girl Scouts! Junior through CSAs! This program will fulfill the requirements for the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana Council's Own Archaeology Badges. For more information regarding which requirements will be met during the workshop and those that must be done at home, please refer to our website. Additional information about registration, overnight accommodations available in the area, and details regarding the workshops is also available online. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and spaces are limited! For more information regarding this program, please contact 317-984-5556 or email leslie.nocton@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

Date: Friday, July 16
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Ages: 4th - 12th graders
Cost: Free

Beginning Bird Hikes

Birds are fascinating and watching them can be an awe-inspiring experience. Join our Naturalist staff and other guest leaders (when available) Sunday and Wednesday mornings and we will learn together. This will be a great opportunity for bird-watchers of all levels. You may begin anytime during the season and come as often as you like. Pre-registration is not required. Bring your binoculars!

Cool Creek Park: These hikes meet in the north parking lot of Cool Creek Park; past the Nature Center.

Dates: June 9, 13, 16, 23, 27, 30; July 7, 11, 14, 21, 25, 28; August 8, 11, 18, 22, 25

Days: Wednesday and every other Sunday (with the exception of the first Wednesday of each month)

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Strawtown Koteewi Park: These hikes will meet at the Taylor Center of Natural History.

Dates: June 2, July 7, August 4

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Strawtown Koteewi Park Prairie Hike

Come explore the 'Koteewi-side' of Strawtown Koteewi Park! Koteewi (ko-TAY-wee) is the Miami Native American word for prairie, and we have been working with ecological engineers to restore the over 300 acre historical prairie that once existed on the site. Approximately 80 acres of prairie have currently been planted at the park, and our naturalist staff is excited about showing it off. Information regarding the prairie's history and use by Native Americans and early European settlers, as well as identification of the many plants and their medicinal attributes, will be discussed during the hike. This hike will begin at the Taylor Center of Natural History.

Date: Saturday, July 10

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: No

Naturalist Led Tour at Coxhall Children's Garden

Take a tour of the Children's Garden located at Coxhall Gardens with a Naturalist and discover the inspiration behind this magical little place. All sorts of ideas went into designing this play area and our Naturalist will let you in on the story as we walk around and "play" in the area. This program will meet at the entrance of the Children's Garden.

Dates: Thursday, June 24
Thursday, July 22
Thursday, August 5

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Ages: Parents and their children

Cost: Free

Location: Coxhall Gardens

Neighborhood Nesters

Join a Hamilton County Park Naturalist and members of the Amos W. Butler Audubon Society as we talk about bird nests and discover facts about the different kinds of birds that nest in our area. Did you know that Chimney Swifts use their sticky saliva to glue their nests together? Many more amazing construction methods will be discussed. Legally collected nests will be included in the program and a short hike will follow!

Date: Saturday, July 3
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Ages: All
Cost: Free
Location: Cool Creek Nature Center

Woodland Wildflower Hike

Join a Naturalist as we hike Cool Creek Park in search of woodland wildflowers and plants. As we seek out these beautiful, shade-loving species, we will discuss interesting folklore and stories associated with them. This hike will begin inside the Cool Creek Nature Center.

Date: Saturday, July 17
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Ages: All
Cost: Free
Location: Cool Creek Park

Strawtown Enclosure-Native American Village Tours

Our interpretive staff will be conducting tours of the Strawtown Enclosure for interested guests. During these tours we will discuss the details known thus far regarding the Native Americans who built and used the "enclosure" and village over 700 years ago. The tours will begin inside the Taylor Center of Natural History and include a short stroll to the village site. For more information, please contact us at 317-984-5556.

Dates: Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.
Sundays at 2:00 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: Free
Location: Strawtown Koteewi Park

Note: A tour will not be offered when the building is closed on July 4 and 5.



Fawns born this past spring
will slowly start to lose
their spots over the
next several months.

Archaeology in Action-Lab Days

Do YOU have what it takes to be an archaeologist? We are fortunate to have Indiana Purdue University-Ft. Wayne (IPFW) returning to conduct their 2010 Field School at Strawtown Koteewi Park. This year however, visitors will be able to view not only field work but also laboratory work as well. IPFW students will be preserving, cleaning, analyzing, and cataloging artifacts from their excavations. This is an amazing, unique opportunity to see the process of data collection from start to finish. Afterwards, take your time roaming the Taylor Center's latest exhibits.

Dates: Monday-Friday
July 19-23
July 26-30
August 2-6
Times: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Ages: All

Reservations are not required.

Archaeology in Action-Field Days

Join us as we welcome back Indiana Purdue University-Ft. Wayne (IPFW) to Strawtown Koteewi Park for their 2010 Archaeology Field School. During Field Days, the public is invited to join the Taylor Center staff and IPFW faculty and students, to tour the various archaeological sites on the park and view the digs in progress. Get a taste of Hamilton County's rich heritage and see professional excavations up close- you won't want to miss it! Afterwards, take your time roaming the Taylor Center's latest exhibits. Reservations will be required due to high demand, so sign up early.

Dates: July 20, 22, 28, 29
Times: (1 hour tours)
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. to noon
Ages: All

Reservations can be made at calling 317-984-5556 or e-mail: taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

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June 25



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July 9



Lemon Wheel

July 16



Rick K and the Allnighters

July 23



Polka Boy

Gates open @ 6:00 p.m.
Concerts begin @ 7:00 p.m.

\$5 per person
Kids 12 and under are free

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Concerts in the Centerpiece

Enjoy a Sunday evening relaxing with friends at the beautiful Coxhall Gardens. While listening to the area's best jazz and easy listening music, visit with family and friends. Picnicking is welcome. Concessions will not be on site. Join us for these free concerts on the following dates:

June 6: Cynthia Layne
June 20: Rob Dixon
July 11: Craig Brenner
July 25: Indy Jazz Orchestra
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Cost: Free
Location: Coxhall Gardens



Beach Bash

Beaches, sunbathing, and fun are the perfect combination for summertime! Our annual Beach Bash is the perfect way to enjoy summer. Activities include a DJ, games, contests, swimming, and tons of fun in the sun!



Date: Wednesday, June 23
Wednesday, July 21
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Cost: Free
Location: Morse Park and Beach

Note: This event is limited to the first 200 people.

Trash to Treasure Lawn Sale

Head out to Cool Creek Park music pavilion lawn for a one-stop shop event! There is no need to drive around all day looking for rummage sales! The pavilion lawn will be filled with treasures for you to rummage through!



Date: Saturday, June 19
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Cool Creek Park

Interested in a booth at the sale? The cost for a 10x10 booth space is \$5. You can purchase more than one space, if needed. Take this opportunity to make a few extra bucks for your summer!

Morse Summer Triathlon

The third annual Morse Summer Triathlon is back! Take part in a 600 meter swim, 13 mile bike, and 3 mile run. To register or for more info, please visit www.tuxbro.com

Dates: Saturday, June 26
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Ages: 14 years and up
Cost: \$60 per person, \$90 per team, before June 21
\$65 per person or \$95 per team, on or after June 22
Registration: www.tuxbro.com
Location: Morse Park and Beach



Save the Date!

Saturday,
September 18

Strawtown Koteewi Park

Miami Drum Circle - Bison Burgers - Circle City Bluegrass Band
Archaeology Tours - Programs - Vendor Booths

Special events



Jukebox Saturday

Go back to the times of poodle skirts and slicked back hair! Our annual oldies event is a great way to re-live the days of the 50's and 60's. The agenda of activities includes a classic car show, oldies music, and many contests and games for people of all ages!

Date: Saturday, August 21
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Cost: Free
Location: Cool Creek Park

Do you have a classic car you want to show off? The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department is looking for classic cars! If you have a classic car that you are proud of and interested in showing it off, give us a shout! Please contact Michele at 317-770-4400 or hamilton.parks@hamiltoncounty.in.gov for registration information.

Operating Dates:

April 15- October 31

Location:

11299 East 234th Street
Cicero, IN

Amenities:

100 modern campsites
7 primitive campsites
water, electric & sewer hook-ups
camp store, includes bait and tackle
recreation room
restrooms
shower facility
laundry facility
playground
picnic shelter
White River access

white river campground

**Reservations are now being accepted
for the 2010 and 2011 camping
season. Please call 317-984-2705 for
your reservation.**

CAMP SITE / FACILITY	DAILY		WEEKLY	
	Hamilton County	Out of County	Hamilton County	Out of County
Full Hook-up	\$18	\$20	\$108	\$120
Electric and Water	\$17	\$19	\$102	\$114
Primitive Site	\$14	\$15	\$84	\$90
Day Visitor	\$1	\$2	N/A	N/A
Recreation Room Rental	\$60	\$70	N/A	N/A
Shelter House Rental	\$60	\$70	N/A	N/A
Boat Launch	\$3	\$5	N/A	N/A
Dump Station	\$5	\$6	N/A	N/A

Family Fun Nights

Join us at White River Campground for family fun nights! One night a month, we will entertain you and your family. Various entertainers will be there throughout the season to make your stay more enjoyable. For more information, please call the campground at 317-984-2705.

Dates: June 12

Kids Fest

We'll keep the kids entertained! Send them over to the front lawn for fun times at the bounce house and with a craft! Kids will also enjoy the performance of Mark and Max!

July 3

Live Music

Head over to the main picnic shelter for some live music, featuring country band Sidekix!

July 17

Christmas in July

Unpack your holiday decorations and deck out your campsite for this out of ordinary weekend! We'll offer "sleigh" rides, a Christmas movie, and a possible appearance from Santa!

August 7

Kids Fest

A magician will entertain the little ones for this fun night! A craft will also be available, as well as the bounce house.

September 4

Live Music

Head over to the main picnic shelter for some live music, featuring Linda Lee!

October 16

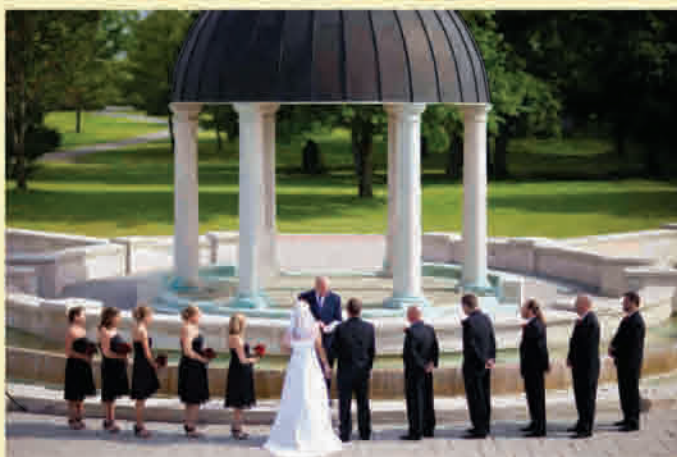
Halloween

Trick or Treating, campsite decoration contest, and hayrides will be taking over the campground.

October 24

Year End Celebration





Coxhall Gardens Centerpiece and Cripe Pavilion

Looking for a beautiful and serene location to hold your upcoming wedding and reception? The Coxhall Gardens Centerpiece and Cripe Pavilion is now ready to rent for weddings, wedding receptions, and any other special event you may have on your calendar. Rental is available from April through October.

For more information and to rent this facility, please call Ritz Charles at 317-846-9158.

Osprey Pointe Pavilion

Planning a shower, wedding reception, or any other special event? Our indoor rental facility at Morse Park and Beach is looking good and waiting for you to rent! Osprey Pointe is located on the bank of Morse Reservoir with a beautiful view of the water and sunset. The facility's seating capacity is 101 people and has a kitchenette and restrooms.

Facility Rental Rate:	\$160.50 for 4 hours
Non-resident Rate:	\$240.75 for 4 hours
Additional Hours:	\$42.80 per hour
Damage Deposit:	\$100
Alcohol Deposit:	\$400

Rental Rates include an on-site security guard and use of all tables and chairs.

park rentals



Park Shelters

Looking for a place to have a picnic and enjoy the warm weather? Our affordable picnic shelters are a perfect way to have a get-together! Shelter rental is available from May 1 until September 30

- Shelter rentals are for all-day use.
- No refunds.
- We accept cash, check, money order, VISA or Mastercard.

To rent a shelter, please call 317-770-4400

Cool Creek Park	Shelter Size	County Resident	Non-County Resident
Shelter A,B,C,D	20' x 30'	\$50 + tax	\$80 + tax

- Grill located at each shelter.
- Shelters hold approximately 50 people.

Morse Park and Beach	Shelter Size	County Resident	Non-County Resident
Shelter A,C,D	20' x 30'	\$50 + tax	\$80 + tax
Shelter B	30' x 40'	\$100 + tax	\$140 + tax

- Grill located at each shelter.
- Shelters A, C, and D hold approximately 50 people.
- Shelter B holds approximately 100 people.

June

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Beginning Bird Hike @ SKP		Pajama Ramo	Enclosure Tour EnviroScience Scout Prog
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Coxhall Concert Enclosure Tour			Doo Doo Detectives CC Campfire Beginning Bird Hike		Bird Scout Prog	Star Satellite Tour Enclosure Tour Bird Banding Demo
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Enclosure Tour Beginning Bird Hike			Creepy Critters CC Campfire Beginning Bird Hike		Cool Creek Concert Nahite Scout Prog	Enclosure Tour Frog Chorus Hike Trash to Treasure
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Coxhall Concert Enclosure Tour	Summer Exhibit Begins		CC Campfire Beginning Bird Hike Beach Bash	Children's Garden Tour Open Lab	Cool Creek Concert	Enclosure Tour Open Lab Orienteering 102 Morse Tri-athlon
27	28	29	30			
Enclosure Tour Beginning Bird Hike			CC Campfire Beginning Bird Hike			

July

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Facilities Closed	Facilities Closed		CC Campfire B. Bird Hike @ SKP		Cool Creek Concert	Enclosure Tour Neighborhood Nesters
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Enclosure Tour Beginning Bird Hike Coxhall Concert			CC Campfire Beginning Bird Hike	Earthquakes in IN	Tike Hike Bird Hike Cool Creek Concert Girl Scout Arch.	Enclosure Tour Wildflower Hike
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Enclosure Tour			CC Campfire Beginning Bird Hike Beach Bash	Children's Garden Tour	Cool Creek Concert	Enclosure Tour
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Enclosure Tour Beginning Bird Hike Coxhall Concert			CC Campfire Beginning Bird Hike			Enclosure Tour

August

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Enclosure Tour			Beginning Bird Hike @ SKP	Children's Garden Tour	Pajama Ramo	Enclosure Tour
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Beginning Bird Hike Enclosure Tour			Beginning Bird Hike			Star Satellite Tour Enclosure Tour Bird Banding Demo
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Enclosure Tour			Beginning Bird Hike			Geocaching Hike Enclosure Tour Juke Box Saturday
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Beginning Bird Hike Enclosure Tour		Puppet Show	Beginning Bird Hike			Enclosure Tour
29	30	31				
Enclosure Tour						

	bathhouse	beach	boat dock	fishing	canoe launch	music pavilion	picnic tables	picnic shelters	restrooms	playground	disc golf	soccer fields	baseball/softball	basketball court	volleyball court	bicycling	greenspace	nature trail	paved trail	equestrian trail	camping	wetland/prairie	
1. Administration Office 15517 South Union Street, Carmel																							317-770-4400
2. Bray Family Homestead Park 4528 St. Road 38, Noblesville																							317-770-4400
3. Cool Creek Park 2010 East 151st Street, Carmel																							317-774-2500 Cool Creek Nature Center
4. Coxhall Gardens 116th and Towne Road, Carmel																							317-770-4400
5. Geist Park 10979 Florida Road, Porterville																							317-770-4400
6. Lafayette Trace Park Strawtown Avenue East, White River Twp.																							317-770-4400
7. Morse Park and Beach 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville																							317-770-4400
8. Potter's Bridge Park 19401 N. Allisonville Road, Noblesville																							317-770-4400
9. River Road Park 12575 River Road, Carmel																							317-770-4400
10. Riverwood Canoe Launch																							317-770-4400
11. Stoops Rookery (unofficial name)																							317-770-4400
12. Strawtown Kiteewi Park 12308 Strawtown Avenue, Noblesville																							317-984-5556 Taylor Center
13. White River Campground 11291 East 234th Street, Cicero																							317-984-2705





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Celebrate Archaeology Month at Strawtown Koteewi Park



The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation and the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department, are proudly sponsoring Archaeology Month here in Hamilton County again this fall. Indiana University Purdue University-Fort Wayne will be on site conducting archaeological surveys which will be open to the public! Also, our Naturalist staff will be available for site tours and discussions about the site and the Native American groups who once occupied the area.

Pre-registered group tours will take place at the Taylor Center of Natural History located at Strawtown Koteewi Park in Strawtown, IN. Organized groups such as school field trips, scouts, and adult clubs are welcome as well as smaller family and citizen groups.

This exciting opportunity is great for all ages and is being offered in celebration of Indiana's Archaeology Month for a short time only. For more information or to pre-register for an archaeology field trip or tour, please call Amanda Smith, Supt. of Natural Resources and Education at 317-774-2501. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, so please confirm early. Scheduled tours including an active archaeological survey will end at the Strawtown Koteewi Park on October 2.

Dates: September 14-October 2

Days: Tuesday-Saturday

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Reservations can be made at 317-774-2501 or e-mail
taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

